

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: RICHARD KELLER

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2016

RE: ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TARIFF ADVICE NO. 16-03 – REVISIONS
TO STREET LIGHTING SCHEDULES AND NEW LIGHT EMITTING
DIODE (LED) STREET LIGHTING SERVICE

BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2016, PacifiCorp, dba Rocky Mountain Power (Company) filed Tariff Advice No. 16-03 with the Commission requesting authority to revise Electric Service Schedules No. 7, 7A, 11, and 12 with an effective date of March 15, 2016.

The purpose of the filing is threefold: (1) to change the Security Area Lighting to "No New Service" and revise certain street lighting tariffs to better clarify provisions of service for street lighting customers and create consistency across street lighting schedules; (2) to introduce light emitting diode (LED) as an alternative for currently offered lighting; and (3) to change annual hours of operation from 3,940 to 4,167 for non-listed luminaires.

STAFF REVIEW

The specific proposed changes to Rocky Mountain Power's tariffs are summarized below for each schedule.

Schedule 7 (Security Area Lighting) /7A (Security Area Lighting (Residential and Farm) –

Proposed revisions to Schedules 7 and 7A are to change these services to a status of being closed to any new service. New security area lighting is no longer offered in other states the Company serves. This change will make it consistent throughout the Company. A clarification was also made to the option of glare shielding by noting shielding may be provided where available.

Schedule 11 (Street Lighting Company Owned System) - The proposed revisions to Schedule 11 are to add light emitting diode (LED) street lighting as an alternative choice for customers. LED lighting would be available at a flat rate pricing with four equivalent sizes being offered in addition to current standards. Decorative LED fixtures would not be offered until the cost and availability of these fixtures became more cost effective. Further, clarification was made to glare shielding service provisions noting shielding may be provided based upon availability.

Schedule 12 (Street Lighting Customer Owned System) - The proposed revisions to Schedule 12 are to change annual hours of operation from 3,940 to 4,167 for non-listed luminaires, which the Company notes is a more accurate representation for hours of operation based on current photocells which trigger lights on at dusk and off at dawn. This change will make it more consistent throughout the Company. Other revisions were made to service provisions 1 and 2, to remove verbiage implying the Company may maintain lights.

Increasing the LED burn hours from 3,940 to 4,167 for non-listed luminaries would impact only two customers – the cities of Franklin and Rexburg. Collectively for the two customers, the total rate impact will be \$80 per year. If the burn hour change is approved, the Company states it will notify both of these customers of the rate impact.


RECOMMENDATION

Staff has carefully reviewed the tariff changes proposed by the Company and would characterize all of them as minor. Therefore, Staff believes it is appropriate to process this filing as a tariff advice.

Staff believes all of the proposed changes are reasonable and recommends approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve Tariff Advice 16-03?


Richard Keller